

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 915 AND SENATE BILL 693

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE
REGISTRATION PLATES FOR VETERANS WHO ARE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
DISABLED; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 66-3-412 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979,
Chapter 299, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-412. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES-- ONE HUNDRED
PERCENT DISABLED VETERANS-- SUBMISSION OF PROOF-- PENALTY. --

A. The department shall issue distinctive
registration plates for up to two vehicles, including
motorcycles, to a person who is a veteran of the armed forces
of the United States, as defined in Section 28-13-7 NMSA 1978,
and was one hundred percent disabled while serving in the armed
forces of the United States, upon the submission by the person

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1 of proof satisfactory to the department that he was one hundred
2 percent disabled while serving in the armed forces of the
3 United States. No fee, including the regular registration fee
4 applicable to the passenger motor vehicle or regular motorcycle
5 registration fees, if any, shall be collected for issuance of a
6 special registration plate pursuant to this section. A person
7 eligible for a special registration plate pursuant to this
8 section and also eligible for one or more special registration
9 plates pursuant to Sections 66-3-406, 66-3-409 [~~and~~], 66-3-411
10 and 66-3-412.1 NMSA 1978 shall be issued only one special
11 registration plate of his choice.

12 B. The department shall have the discretion to
13 modify the design of the distinctive standard size vehicle
14 registration plate issued for one hundred percent disabled
15 veterans in order to issue a reduced size motorcycle
16 registration plate for that group of persons. A person
17 eligible for up to two special registration plates for one
18 hundred percent disabled veterans pursuant to Subsection A of
19 this section may choose to receive two standard size vehicle
20 registration plates, two reduced size motorcycle registration
21 plates or one of each.

22 [~~B.~~] C. No person shall falsely represent himself
23 to have been one hundred percent disabled while serving in the
24 armed forces of the United States so as to be eligible to be
25 issued special registration plates pursuant to this section

1 when he in fact was not one hundred percent disabled while
2 serving in the armed forces of the United States.

3 ~~[C.]~~ D. A person who violates the provisions of
4 Subsection ~~[B]~~ C of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

5 E. The department may promulgate rules to implement
6 the provisions of this section."

7 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
8 provisions of this act is January 1, 2004.

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